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Honorable Robert A. Frosch
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Washington, D. C. 20546

Dear Dr. Frosch:

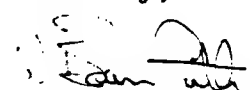
As you know, the Administration has been reviewing the potential for further convergence of civil and military polar meteorological satellite (MetSat) programs. The policy aspects of this issue will be discussed in the scheduled meeting of the Policy Review Committee (Space). In the meantime, to assist in the FY 1981 budget decisions, OMB needs agency estimates for the major MetSat program alternatives.

We request that DOC, DOD, and NASA present the most definitive available estimates of costs, benefits, and time phasing for (1) a single system of three advanced satellites and (2) the continued procurement of current spacecraft (modified only for shuttle launch) for separate but better coordinated programs. Please include the related implications for the cost of ocean remote sensing programs. A key constraint is that any request for funding development of advanced meteorological satellites should be on the basis of a single three satellite system to meet both civil and military requirements.

We have scheduled a joint hearing from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 1979, in Room 10103 of the NEOB to review with your representatives the information requested above and to discuss the budgetary and management issues involved for the MetSat follow-on, NOSS, and other related programs.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dan Taft at 395-3285.

Sincerely,



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Executive Associate Director
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